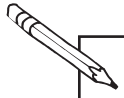


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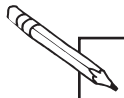
Directions: Read and discuss the following examples. When you write a story, remember to include details, explain, use vivid description, be specific, and appeal to the senses. Look for more examples in other stories.



Include Details

Then one day, while gathering sticks in the woods, the widow's daughter encountered a crabby old dwarf with his beard caught in a half-split tree. The children tried to help, and after tugging away at the beard to no avail, Snow White whipped out her scissors and snipped off the end of the dwarf's beard.

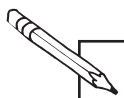
("Snow White and Rose Red")



Explain

In truth, the emperor was somewhat surprised because he always believed the chief minister was a fool, but he didn't say anything. And since he did like the idea of having the whole kingdom admire him at his birthday processions, he had his messengers spread the news that the procession would be the following week, and that he would be wearing the finest clothes in the land.

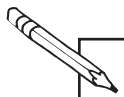
("The Emperor's New Clothes")



Use Vivid Descriptions

The child thought it was a good idea and lingered among the flowers while the wolf ran straight to Grandmother's house.

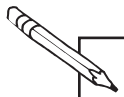
("Little Red Riding Hood")



Be Specific

As punishment for running away, Androcles was sentenced to be thrown to the lion, who was kept without food for three days.

("Androcles and the Lion")



Appeal to the Senses

The Papa asked if he could try. He spread his great wings over the nest and sang, "Sweetest bird child grows and grows . . ." . . . dreamily the chick went back to sleep. Mama cooed happily . . .

("Papa's Lullaby")

*selected from *365 Bedtime Stories*